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Inquiry: Can RCPs perform defibrillation during a resuscitation?

Response: Regarding RCPs performing defibrillation during a resuscitation, please be advised that this is not verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) but, in the RCB's judgement, is highly inferred and allowed. Further, the RCB strongly suggests that a respiratory care protocol, as defined in Section 3702 of the RCPA, be developed to establish guidelines for the performance of this procedure.

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